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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 10, 2003, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 7-8 and 24-25, for further prosecution. In addition, Applicants elect, with traverse, the compound of example 1 (page 27, lines 18-19 of the specification), 4-chloro-N-({5-[({2-[(2-{[3-chloro-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridin-2-yl]amino}-ethyl)amino]-2-oxoethyl}amino)sulfonyl]thien-2-yl}methyl) benzamide as a single disclosed species. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 9-21, 23-28 read on the elected species. Claims 1-4, 6-7, 10-21, 23-24, and 26-28 are generic.

<u>REMARKS</u>

The Office has required restriction in the present application as follows:

Group I: Claims 7-8 and 24-25, drawn to compounds wherein R⁵ and R⁶ are independent substituents; and